

Did You Know—May 16, 2023

Happy May 15th! Did you know it's National Chocolate Chip Day? Mmmmm.....treat yourself to a yummy chocolate chip cookie while wearing a straw hat with flowers in hand. It's also "National Straw Hat Day" and my favorite, "Bring Flowers to Someone Day".

Most importantly, to keep it health-related, it's National Nursing Home Week—so do something nice for your local facility and their professionals. And just for fun...let's just see how much your students remember by taking the [Nursing Home Residents' Rights Quiz!](#)

1. **The Brain on Processed Foods:** Highly processed foods make up approximately 60% of the average American diet and have long been associated with adverse health outcomes, but recent studies reveal their **significant impact on our mental well-being** too. ([Read](#))
2. Oklahoma is one of six states that have been chosen for the National Academy for State Health Policy's **Community Health Worker (CHW) State Policy Development Technical Assistance** Opportunity: [Six States Selected for NASHP's Community Health Worker \(CHW\) State Policy Development Technical Assistance Opportunity - NASHP](#) The NASHP's staff will work with states to develop a workplan with goals related to policy, identify and engage key partners, provide technical assistance and learn from national state and local experts. Our division has been working with the state initiative to develop policy and prepare to train CHWs.
3. While planning for next year, check out this [Teacher's Guide to Performance-Based Assessment | Educational Technology and Mobile Learning \(educatorstechnology.com\)](#) Performance-based assessment (PBA) holds the potential to provide a more accurate picture of student mastery than traditional assessments. This form of assessment has emerged as **a key tool for evaluating students' ability to apply their knowledge and skills in real-world situations.**
4. [NursingExams.org](#) knows earning a nursing degree can be expensive and add undue stress for future nurses. To give nursing students some financial relief, **NursingExams.org has increased our scholarships this year to \$1,000 each. Both scholarships have an application deadline of June 1, 2023.**
 - [NursingExams.org Nursing Student Scholarship](#)
 - [NursingExams.org Underrepresented Student Nursing School Scholarship](#)
5. Join Mandy Green, G-W CTE National Content Specialist, to discover five more instructional strategies to add to your teaching toolkit. These strategies will focus on students synthesizing information and preparing to share their knowledge with an authentic audience. **Five More Instructional Strategies; 30-minute PD Webinar; Tuesday, May 16 at 2pm CST.** [Register](#)
6. **New gene-editing technique** allows scientists to **induce specific cancer-linked mutations** to study their contribution to tumor development ([More](#))
7. **What's missing in medical research?** While all humans share 99.9% of our DNA, differences in the remaining 0.1% hold important clues about the causes of diseases—and their potential treatments. The problem is, the genetics that researchers are combing through are heavily biased to those of people from European descent, and often overlook other ethnicities. Greg Foot explains **the importance of ethnic diversity in medical research.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxPtx0cQvqo&feature=youtu.be>
8. **HOSA ILC Registration CLOSES at 5pm today—May 15, 2023**
 - a. This includes all participants, guests, and advisors
 - b. MUST link Tallo-required information for Competitive Events or no appointment time
 - c. If competitors want to check their upload status, go to step #5 at: <https://hosa.org/competitive-events-and-tallo/>
 - d. Make sure accommodation forms have been submitted.
 - e. Re-check registration—ATC Exams and Health Care Issues Exam—do NOT have to pay for these events (pay if more than one ATC exam).
9. **New Teacher Training—July 19-20th** (all levels: secondary and post-secondary together) in Stillwater. Registration found here: [HCE New Teacher Academy \(oklahoma.gov\)](#) It will open as soon as we have all the preliminary paperwork completed!!

10. Two days left to register for **OHCETA Simulation Conference**! One strand will be a newcomers bootcamp so it's truly for EVERYONE!! Register NOW: [OHCETA Simulation Conference \(oklahoma.gov\)](https://oklahoma.gov)
11. Come check out Canadian Valley's best practices at their Yukon Health Science campus on **Monday, May 22, 2023**, and do a lesson with Starla Ewan on Hands on Body Systems—you will receive a clay intro kit AND all of her A & P curriculum. See information here: [OEIP -The Ultimate Teacher Industry Connection - Health. Conf #1041 Tickets, Mon, May 22, 2023 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#) **It's FREE and only four spots are left!**
12. Paycom Software Inc. (NYSE:PAYC), [a leading provider of HR software](#), celebrates the end of the 2023 school year by awarding **grants to four local public school foundations**. These two-year commitments will provide Edmond, Millwood, Oklahoma City and Putnam City with funds needed to support ongoing and new educational programming specific to each district. Each school district has a unique plan for the donations they received from Paycom.
 - a. Edmond will focus on mental health and behavioral needs
 - b. Millwood will enhance its budding marching band program.
 - c. OKC- increase and enhance literacy access for students across the district.
 - d. Putnam City schools have earmarked the money to bolster it's mentoring programs
13. **Two Minute Reflection Tool for the Classroom**--Providing time for students to reflect often leads to a powerful discussion. Check out today's 2 minute strategy for a way to creatively facilitate a group reflection [Junk Drawer Debrief | CharacterStrong](#)
14. Seventeen US health care systems, including major ones such as Providence, Cleveland Clinic and Bon Secours Mercy Health, have added their signatures to the Impact Workforce Commitment, a pledge that **at least 10% of their hiring will come from economically disadvantaged regions by 2027**, the Healthcare Anchor Network announced. The systems also agreed to promote more employees from roles that do not have a bachelor's degree requirement. **Full Story:** [Fierce Healthcare](#)

We've got a busy couple of weeks to end May—remember to let us know if you have a position open, either through a new program OR replacing an instructor—both are VERY important for us to know!!

Have a great week!

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